Distribution of disused land to farm labourers

1137. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lakhs of acres of cultivable land are in disuse throughout the country;

(b) whether Government proposed to distribute the land in disuse to landless farm labourers; and

(c) if so, the details of action proposed in this regard in the interest of farm labourers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Introduction of revised Investment Promotion Scheme

1138. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced a revised Investment Promotion Scheme;

(b) if so, the details of the revised guidelines of IPS restructuring the old scheme;

(c) the number of project proposals received from States, State-wise; and

(d) the number of farmers benefited, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Investment Promotional Scheme (IPS) was launched during 1994-95 to mobilize resources from Financial Institutions, Banks, Corporate Bodies including user industries for the development of non-forest wastelands belonging to Central and State Governments, Panchayats, Village Communities and Private farmers.

The Scheme provides for central promotional grant/subsidy as well as promoter's contribution so as to bring about effective participation of the beneficiaries. The Scheme was restructured during 1996—98. The revised Scheme became operational in August, 1998 and was made more broad based with a focus on benefits to small and marginal farmers including Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes. The details of subsidy and the promoter's contribution are given at Statement-I. (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Twenty eight projects have been sanctioned upto Feb., 2002, benefiting 100 farmers under the Scheme. The State-wise details indicating number of projects and subsidy sanctioned including number of farmers benefited are given at Statement-II.

Statement-I

Details of Central Promotional Grant/Subsidy and Promoters' Contribution under Investment Promotional Scheme

A. Details of promotional grant/subsidy*:

(i)	General Category (Individual/Group)	25% of On-farm development activities or Rs. 25 lakhs, whichever is less.
(ii)	Small farmers (Individual/Group)	30% of On-farm development activities or Rs. 25 lakhs, whichever is less.
(iii)	(a) Marginal Farmers (Individual/Group)	50% of On-farm development activities or Rs. 25 lakhs, whichever is less.
	(b) SC/ST Farmers without any limit in the area of holdings (Individual/Group).	

B. Details of promoters' contribution:

(i)	For General Category (Individual/Group)	Atleast 25% of the project cost
(ii)	For Small Farmers (Individual/Group)	Atleast 10% of the project cost

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(iii)	(a) Marginal Farmers (Individual/Group) (b) SC/ST Farmers without any limit in the area of holdings. (Individual/Group)	Nil. However, at the time of execution of the project, the family labour should be involved to provide self employment, thus ensuring participation.

*For the purpose of calculating subsidy, the total cost for On-farm development activities shall not exceed Rs. 20,000/-per hectare.

Statement-II

State-wise details of number of Projects and Subsidy Sanctioned and Beneficiaries covered under the Investment Promotional Scheme (IPS) upto February 2002

Sr. No.	Name of the State	No. of Projects Sanctioned	Subsidy sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)	Beneficiaries covered (No.)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2	13.75	7
2.	Maharashtra	3	3.014	7
3.	Tamil Nadu	23	53.67	86
	TOTAL	28	70.434	100

Non-utilisation of funds by States

1139. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH:
SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds for rural development schemes are not being fully utilized by different States under the Jahawar Gram Samridhi Yojana and Old Age Pension Schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action proposed against the non-performing States?